

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Pirsch to speak to the Maurstad amendment.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President. Actually, Senator Maurstad, I see this as a limitation on what counties can spend in the cemeteries. Right now they can spend any amount that shall not exceed two hundred dollars. And I see an amount not to exceed may be spent. So it looks to me like this is more a limitation on spending by the county than something that, that would tell them to spend less. Could you comment on that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. Yes, Senator, the 12-811 would be stricken completely, so it will just take that language out, which means then that a county, if they, if they had a volunteer association or group that wanted to take care of this, they didn't need to reimburse them or they could reimburse them fifty dollars, they could do that. But if they have a situation where they are not able to financially take care of it and they need to pay more or less than this, they would have that ability to do it. So we're just taking the directive away from them.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, yeah, okay. By eliminating this section, you are silent on county boards in any way expending money for a pioneer cemetery.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: That's correct.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Whereas with the section in place they're not mandating that expenditure, but they are saying that it shall not exceed two hundred dollars per cemetery in any one year, except that they may expend up to five hundred dollars per cemetery during the first year the maintenance is assumed by such county. And "amount not to exceed" seems to me that it says you can spend anything less, but is put a limit on it. So, you know, I guess I won't be supporting your amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Is there any further discussion of the Maurstad amendment? Seeing none, Senator Maurstad to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the Maurstad amendment to LB 932.